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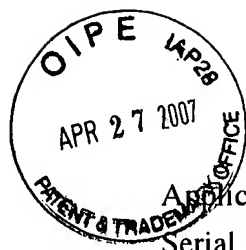
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION**

Sir:

Enclosed, please find an executed PTO/SB/30 transmittal form for the filing of a request for continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Also enclosed is a request for a three-month extension of time up to and including the date of April 27, 2007. Please charge the amount of \$1020.00 for the three-month extension to Deposit Account 122145. Please charge the amount of \$790 for the filing fee to Deposit Account 122145. Please charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account 122145.

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